

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in accordance with requirements set forth in MPEP §1207 and in 37 CFR §1.116 as required. The amendments merely place the claims in better form for appeal and remove issues from appeal. Claims 9, 23-25, 31, 34, and 35 are pending and under appeal in the application. By this paper, claims 9, 23, 31, and 36 have been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections raised in the Action under 35 U.S.C. §112, *second* paragraph, are hereby respectfully solicited.

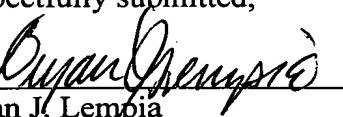
The amendments presented herein do not raise new issues to consider and do not add new matter to the application. The amendments merely address informalities noted in the independent claims 9, 23, 31, and 36, which resulted in all of the §112, second paragraph, rejections in the Action. Claims 9, 23, and 36 have been amended to add proper antecedent basis and to clarify the “first axis” and “first direction” recited in each claim. Claim 31, though not rejected in the Action on this basis, has also been amended to correct a noted similar informality.

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested prior to consideration on Appeal. The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any issues or matters of form raised by this paper.

A petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this paper and the Brief. However, the commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of the undersigned's firm.

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